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Scenario:

- Intermediate-level Network Administrator for an accounting firm
- Company suspects that some of its workstations are hacked.
- The job is to develop script that will run in the background and sample network traffic that meet certain criteria and save them for cyber forensic analysis.

Task 1: Introduction and Getting Started

1. Run tcpdump on the Linux terminal.

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(idrees@Kali)-[~]  
$ sudo tcpdump  
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode  
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes  
16:31:33.335627 a8:6e:84:1e:4e:a9 (oui Unknown) > Broadcast, Realtek unknown type 0x25  
16:31:33.372026 e8:48:b8:e1:f9:3a (oui Unknown) > Broadcast, ethertype Unknown (0x8f83), length 60:  
0x0000: 0802 0002 0000 4fef 0000 0000 004c 7da0 .....O.....L].  
0x0010: 0000 4384 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 ..C.....  
0x0020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....  
16:31:33.537808 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.18 tell 192.168.0.13, length 46  
16:31:33.564548 IP 192.168.0.53.48263 > cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain: 51642+ PTR? 18.0.168.192.in-addr.arpa. (43)  
16:31:33.575505 IP cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain > 192.168.0.53.48263: 51642 NXDomain 0/0/0 (43)  
16:31:33.575592 IP 192.168.0.53.43231 > cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain: 43739+ PTR? 13.0.168.192.in-addr.arpa. (43)  
16:31:33.590539 IP cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain > 192.168.0.53.43231: 43739 NXDomain 0/0/0 (43)  
16:31:33.673701 IP 192.168.0.53.48503 > cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain: 16835+ PTR? 100.4.168.194.in-addr.arpa. (44)  
16:31:33.690786 IP cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain > 192.168.0.53.48503: 16835 1/0/0 PTR cache1.service.virginmedia.net. (88)  
16:31:33.690886 IP 192.168.0.53.39383 > cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain: 31653+ PTR? 53.0.168.192.in-addr.arpa. (43)  
16:31:33.701717 IP cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain > 192.168.0.53.39383: 31653 NXDomain 0/0/0 (43)  
^C  
11 packets captured  
11 packets received by filter  
0 packets dropped by kernel  
  
(idrees@Kali)-[~]  
$
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NOTE: tcpdump requires sudo permissions to be run. We can use the '-c' flag to limit the number of packets captured. Adding a '-#-' flag will number the packets. Appending the 'A' will show the packets in ASCII and using 'XX' will show the data packets in hexadecimal and ASCII side by side. 'tttt' Will show the time, year month and day for each packet. 'D' flag will present all the interfaces that are installed in our system.

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tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode  
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes  
1 16:37:07.710516 ARP, Request who-has 192.168.0.26 tell 192.168.0.13, length 46  
0x0000: ffff ffff ffff e848 b8e1 f93a 0806 0001 .....H...:....  
0x0010: 0800 0604 0001 e848 b8e1 f93a c0a8 000d .....H...:....  
0x0020: 0000 0000 0000 c0a8 001a 0000 0000 0000 .....  
0x0030: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....  
2 16:37:07.738262 IP 192.168.0.53.57286 > cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain: 26280+ PTR? 26.0.168.192.in-addr.arpa. (43)  
0x0000: a405 d610 4934 0800 27d6 af4b 0800 4500 ....I4...'..K..E.  
0x0010: 0047 7a9b 4000 4011 3821 c0a8 0035 c2a8 .Gz.@.@.8!...5..  
0x0020: 0464 dfc6 0035 0033 882e 66a8 0100 0001 .d...5.3..f.....  
0x0030: 0000 0000 0000 0232 3601 3003 3136 3803 .....26.0.168.  
0x0040: 3139 3207 696e 2d61 6464 7204 6172 7061 192.in-addr.arpa  
0x0050: 0000 0c00 01 .....  
3 16:37:07.750550 IP cache1.service.virginmedia.net.domain > 192.168.0.53.57286: 26280 NXDomain 0/0/0 (43)  
0x0000: 0800 27d6 af4b a405 d610 4934 0800 4500 ..'..K....I4..E.  
0x0010: 0047 910f 4000 3d11 24ad c2a8 0464 c0a8 .G..@.=.$....d..  
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0x0000: a4
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Task 2: Start Building the Logging Tool Script

1. Return a list of all the interfaces installed in the system.

```
(idrees@Kali)-[~]
$ sudo tcpdump -D
1.eth0 [Up, Running, Connected]
2.any (Pseudo-device that captures on all interfaces) [Up, Running]
3.lo [Up, Running, Loopback]
4.bluetooth-monitor (Bluetooth Linux Monitor) [Wireless]
5.nflog (Linux netfilter log (NFLOG) interface) [none]
6.nfqueue (Linux netfilter queue (NFQUEUE) interface) [none]
7.dbus-system (D-Bus system bus) [none]
8.dbus-session (D-Bus session bus) [none]
```

NOTE: We can specify what interface we want to capture packets from. Below I have pinged the local host and used tcpdump to capture all the pings. We can also specify the ports we want to capture from. We can also specify what website we want to capture traffic from using 'src', 'dst' or 'host' for both. Conditional filters can also be used (and, or).

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idrees@Kali: ~
File Actions Edit View Help

(idrees@Kali)-[~]
$ sudo tcpdump -c 10 -i lo
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode
listening on lo, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes
16:48:50.082953 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo request, id 10122, seq 1, length 64
16:48:50.082959 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo reply, id 10122, seq 1, length 64
16:48:51.110163 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo request, id 10122, seq 2, length 64
16:48:51.110169 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo reply, id 10122, seq 2, length 64
16:48:52.133537 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo request, id 10122, seq 3, length 64
16:48:52.133544 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo reply, id 10122, seq 3, length 64
16:48:53.154993 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo request, id 10122, seq 4, length 64
16:48:53.154999 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo reply, id 10122, seq 4, length 64
16:48:54.357962 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo request, id 10122, seq 5, length 64
16:48:54.357968 IP6 localhost > localhost: ICMP6, echo reply, id 10122, seq 5, length 64
10 packets captured
20 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel

idrees@Kali: ~
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(idrees@Kali)-[~]
$ ping localhost
PING localhost (::1) 56 data bytes
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=1 ttl=64 time=0.022 ms
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=2 ttl=64 time=0.022 ms
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=3 ttl=64 time=0.023 ms
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=4 ttl=64 time=0.026 ms
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=5 ttl=64 time=0.023 ms
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=6 ttl=64 time=0.019 ms
64 bytes from localhost (::1): icmp_seq=7 ttl=64 time=0.024 ms
^C
— localhost ping statistics —
7 packets transmitted, 7 received, 0% packet loss, time 6334ms
rtt min/avg/max/mdev = 0.019/0.022/0.026/0.002 ms

(idrees@Kali)-[~]
$
```

2. Capture packets from coursera.org using tcpdump

```
(idrees@Kali)-[~]
$ sudo tcpdump -c 10 host -#XXtttt coursera.org
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes
1 2025-02-24 16:57:29.970113 IP 192.168.0.53.42438 > server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.http: Flags [S], seq 24
3994290863 ecr 0,nop,wscale 7], length 0
0x0000: a405 d610 4934 0800 27d6 af4b 0800 4500 ....I4..'.K..E.
0x0010: 003c fc2f 4000 4006 a83a c0a8 0035 6356 .<./@.@..: ...5cV
0x0020: 721e a5c6 0050 aca1 4fe2 0000 0000 a002 r....P..O.....
0x0030: faf0 9680 0000 0204 05b4 0402 080a ee14 .....
0x0040: 0aaf 0000 0000 0103 0307 .....
2 2025-02-24 16:57:29.970147 IP 192.168.0.53.42452 > server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.http: Flags [S], seq 7
994290863 ecr 0,nop,wscale 7], length 0
0x0000: a405 d610 4934 0800 27d6 af4b 0800 4500 ....I4..'.K..E.

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NOTE: 'host coursera.org' will return all packets that go to and from coursera.org. You can see that tcpdump will stay listening until coursera.org is searched.

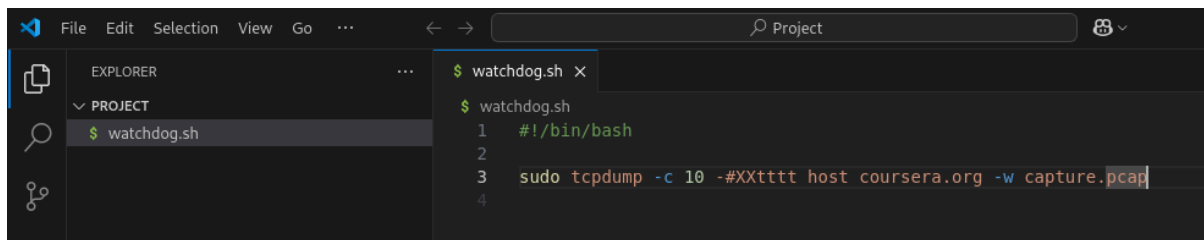
3. Create the logging script and paste the command used in step 2 within VSCode. When we run the script, it will execute that command

```
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PROJECT
$ watchdog.sh
$ watchdog.sh
1 #!/bin/bash
2
3 sudo tcpdump -c 10 -#XXtttt host coursera.org
4
```

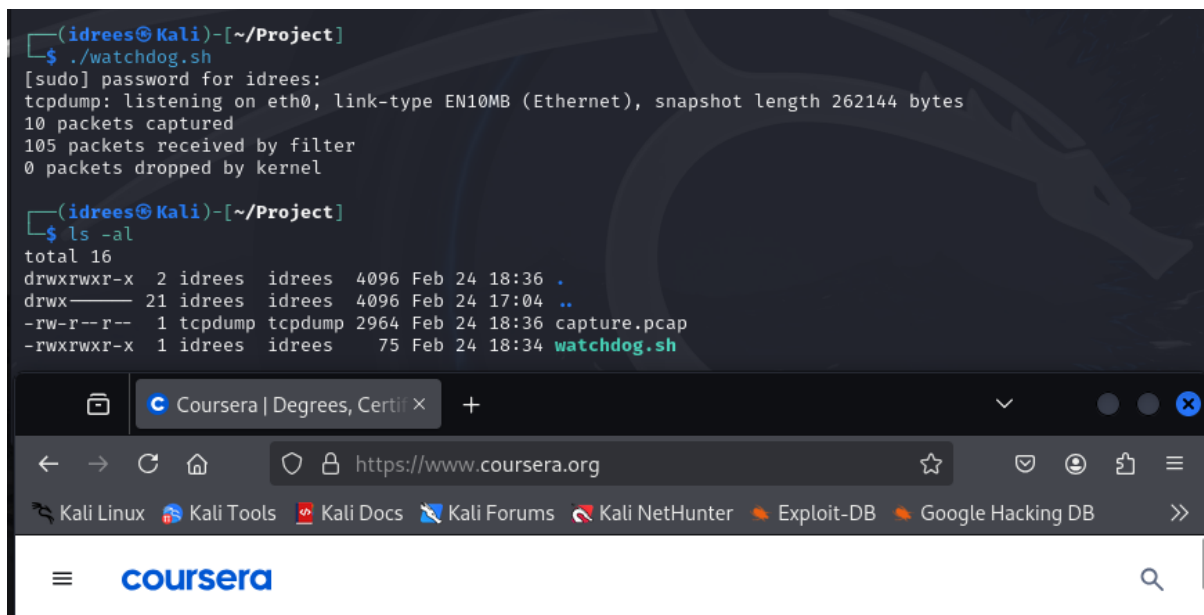
```
(idrees@Kali)-[~/Project]
$ ./watchdog.sh
tcpdump: verbose output suppressed, use -v[v]... for full protocol decode
listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes
```

Task 3: Save Captured Packets in a Dump File

1. Record the results into a tcpdump capture file.

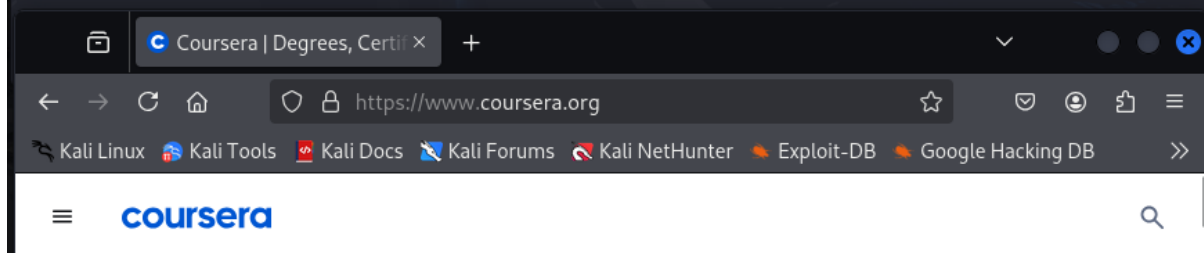


```
File Edit Selection View Go ... Project
$ watchdog.sh X
$ watchdog.sh
1 #!/bin/bash
2
3 sudo tcpdump -c 10 -#XXtttt host coursera.org -w capture.pcap
4
```



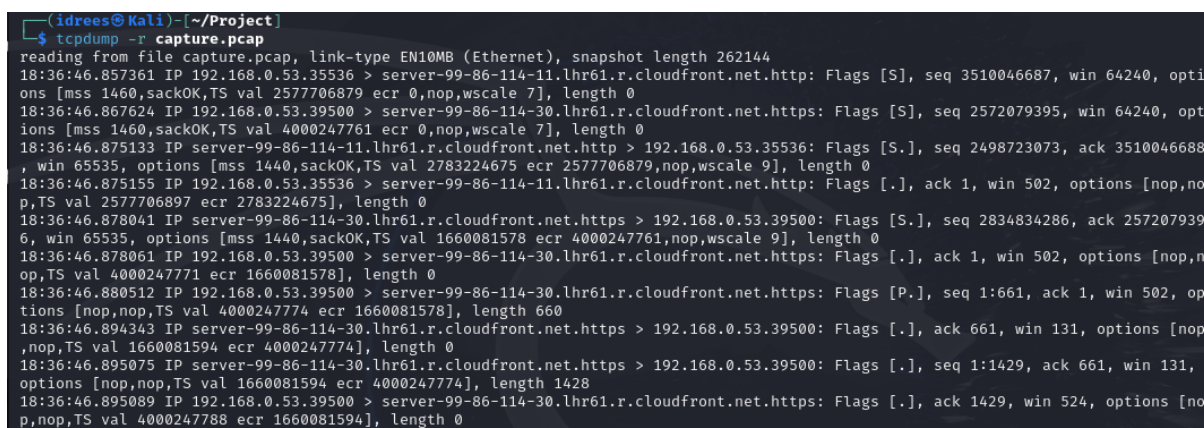
```
(idrees@Kali)-[~/Project]
$ ./watchdog.sh
[sudo] password for idrees:
tcpdump: listening on eth0, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144 bytes
10 packets captured
105 packets received by filter
0 packets dropped by kernel

(idrees@Kali)-[~/Project]
$ ls -al
total 16
drwxrwxr-x 2 idrees idrees 4096 Feb 24 18:36 .
drwx----- 21 idrees idrees 4096 Feb 24 17:04 ..
-rw-r--r-- 1 tcpdump tcpdump 2964 Feb 24 18:36 capture.pcap
-rwxrwxr-x 1 idrees idrees 75 Feb 24 18:34 watchdog.sh
```



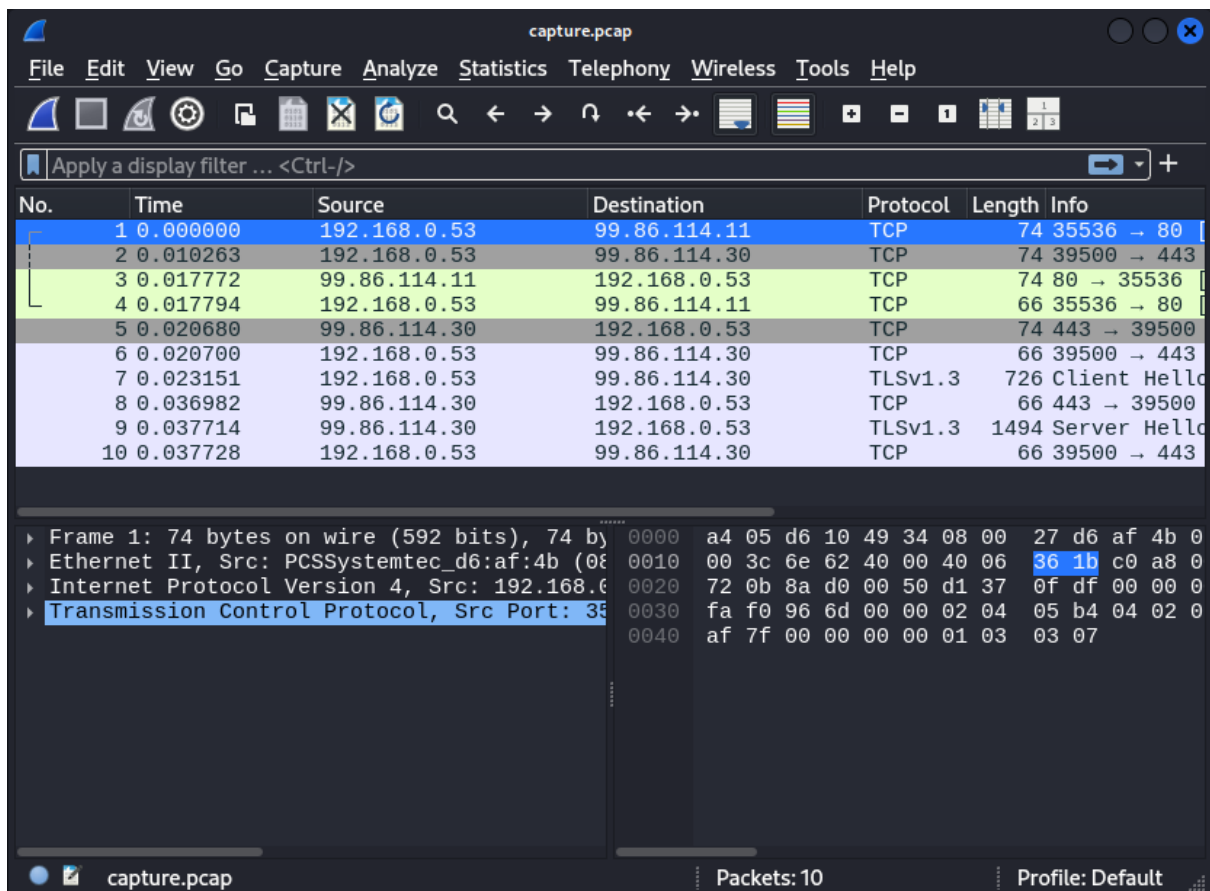
The browser window shows the Coursera website with the URL <https://www.coursera.org>. The browser's address bar and tabs are visible, along with various navigation icons and a search bar.

NOTE: When we run the file, we record all traffic from coursera.org and record it into the file capture.pcap. Important to allow write permissions for the file. The file stores the data in binary so we cannot read it. However, we can use tcpdump to read it. You can apply the same formatting flags mentioned before (-#).



```
(idrees@Kali)-[~/Project]
$ tcpdump -r capture.pcap
reading from file capture.pcap, link-type EN10MB (Ethernet), snapshot length 262144
18:36:46.857361 IP 192.168.0.53.35536 > server-99-86-114-11.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.http: Flags [S], seq 3510046687, win 64240, options [mss 1460,sackOK,TS val 2577706879 ecr 0,nop,wscale 7], length 0
18:36:46.867624 IP 192.168.0.53.39500 > server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https: Flags [S], seq 2572079395, win 64240, options [mss 1460,sackOK,TS val 4000247761 ecr 0,nop,wscale 7], length 0
18:36:46.875133 IP server-99-86-114-11.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.http > 192.168.0.53.35536: Flags [S.], seq 2498723073, ack 3510046688, win 65535, options [mss 1440,sackOK,TS val 2783224675 ecr 2577706879,nop,wscale 9], length 0
18:36:46.875155 IP 192.168.0.53.35536 > server-99-86-114-11.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.http: Flags [.], ack 1, win 502, options [nop,nop,TS val 2577706897 ecr 2783224675], length 0
18:36:46.878041 IP server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https > 192.168.0.53.39500: Flags [S.], seq 2834834286, ack 2572079396, win 65535, options [mss 1440,sackOK,TS val 1660081578 ecr 4000247761,nop,wscale 9], length 0
18:36:46.878061 IP 192.168.0.53.39500 > server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https: Flags [.], ack 1, win 502, options [nop,nop,TS val 4000247771 ecr 1660081578], length 0
18:36:46.880512 IP 192.168.0.53.39500 > server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https: Flags [P.], seq 1:661, ack 1, win 502, options [nop,nop,TS val 4000247774 ecr 1660081578], length 660
18:36:46.894343 IP server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https > 192.168.0.53.39500: Flags [.], ack 661, win 131, options [nop,nop,TS val 1660081594 ecr 4000247774], length 0
18:36:46.895075 IP server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https > 192.168.0.53.39500: Flags [.], seq 1:1429, ack 661, win 131, options [nop,nop,TS val 1660081594 ecr 4000247774], length 1428
18:36:46.895089 IP 192.168.0.53.39500 > server-99-86-114-30.lhr61.r.cloudfront.net.https: Flags [.], ack 1429, win 524, options [nop,nop,TS val 4000247788 ecr 1660081594], length 0
```

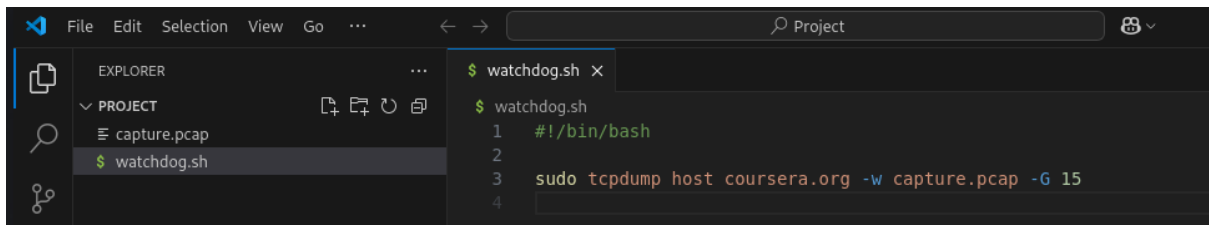
2. Use Wireshark to also view the tcpdump capture file.



NOTE: On the bottom of the Wireshark window, it will format the packet in the TCP protocol. It will present it in a form that you can read.

Task 4: Create Sequenced Dump Files

1. Write a new script that will wipe out the capture file every 15 seconds and write a new

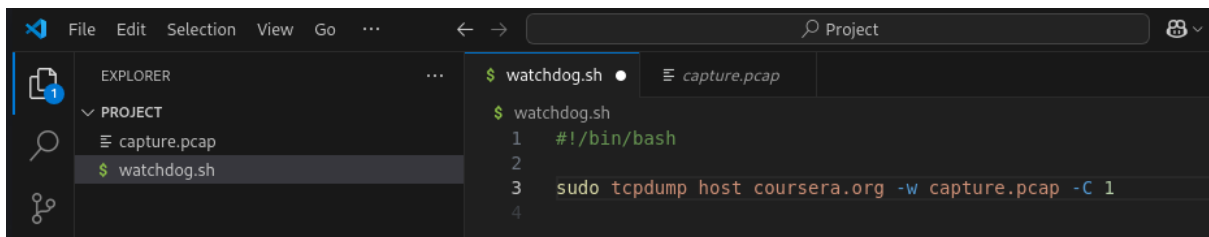


The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code editor with a project named 'PROJECT'. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the file structure with 'capture.pcap' and 'watchdog.sh'. The 'watchdog.sh' file is selected and its contents are displayed in the editor. The script is a bash script that uses 'sudo tcpdump' to capture traffic from 'coursera.org' and save it to 'capture.pcap' with a 15-second rotation interval.

```
$ watchdog.sh
$ watchdog.sh
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  sudo tcpdump host coursera.org -w capture.pcap -G 15
4
```

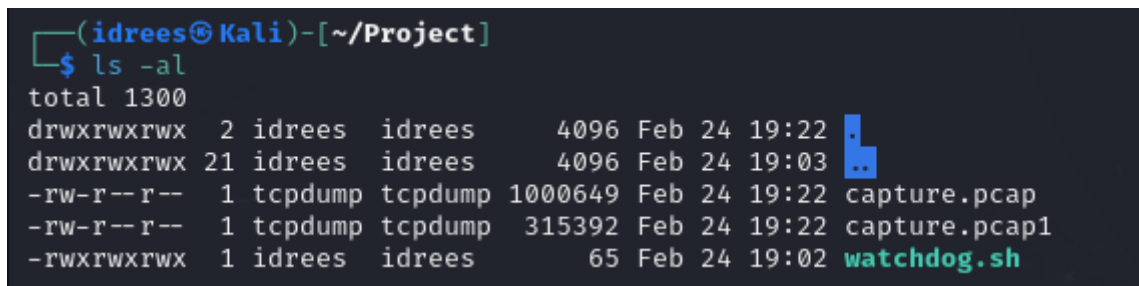
one.

2. Set a size limit of 1mb, once the limit is met it will create a new file.



The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code editor with the same project. The 'watchdog.sh' file is still selected, but the editor now shows the updated script. The rotation interval has been changed from 15 seconds to 1 MB using the '-C 1' flag.

```
$ watchdog.sh
$ watchdog.sh
1  #!/bin/bash
2
3  sudo tcpdump host coursera.org -w capture.pcap -C 1
4
```



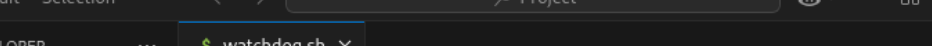
The screenshot shows a terminal window with the prompt '(idrees@Kali)-[~/Project]'. The user has entered the command 'ls -al', and the output is displayed. The output shows the file permissions, owner, group, size, date, time, and filename for each file in the directory. The 'capture.pcap' file is 1000649 bytes, and 'capture.pcap1' is 315392 bytes. The 'watchdog.sh' script is 65 bytes.

```
(idrees@Kali)-[~/Project]
$ ls -al
total 1300
drwxrwxrwx  2 idrees idrees  4096 Feb 24 19:22 .
drwxrwxrwx 21 idrees idrees  4096 Feb 24 19:03 ..
-rw-r--r--  1 tcpdump tcpdump 1000649 Feb 24 19:22 capture.pcap
-rw-r--r--  1 tcpdump tcpdump  315392 Feb 24 19:22 capture.pcap1
-rwxrwxrwx  1 idrees idrees    65 Feb 24 19:02 watchdog.sh
```

NOTE: We can see when capture.pcap exceeds a file size of 1000000, all data packets captured are stored in capture.pcap1. You can now combine both conditions the time limit and the file size together. This means you do not have to deal with one big file.

Task 5: Decrypt and Analyse Captured Traffic

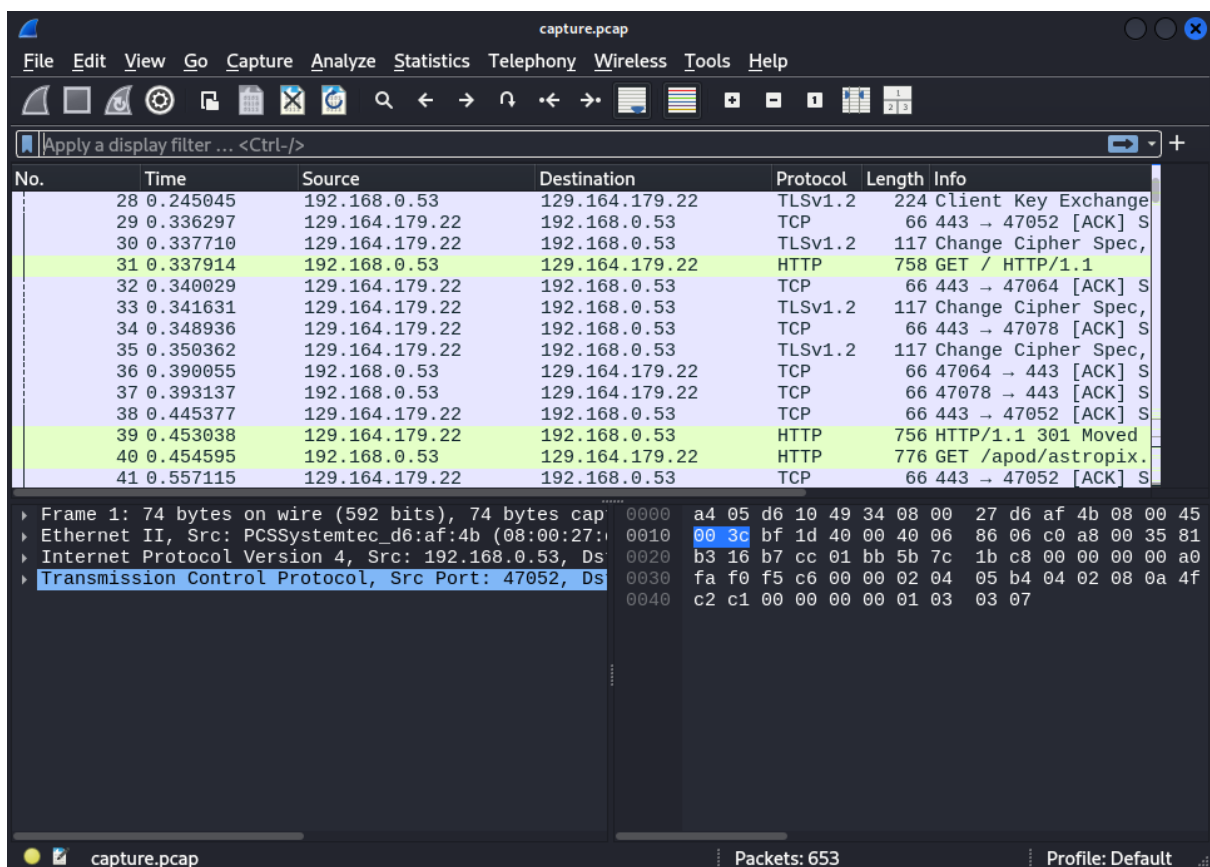
1. Write a new script to capture the public and the private key from the browser. TCP dump will capture the encrypted data

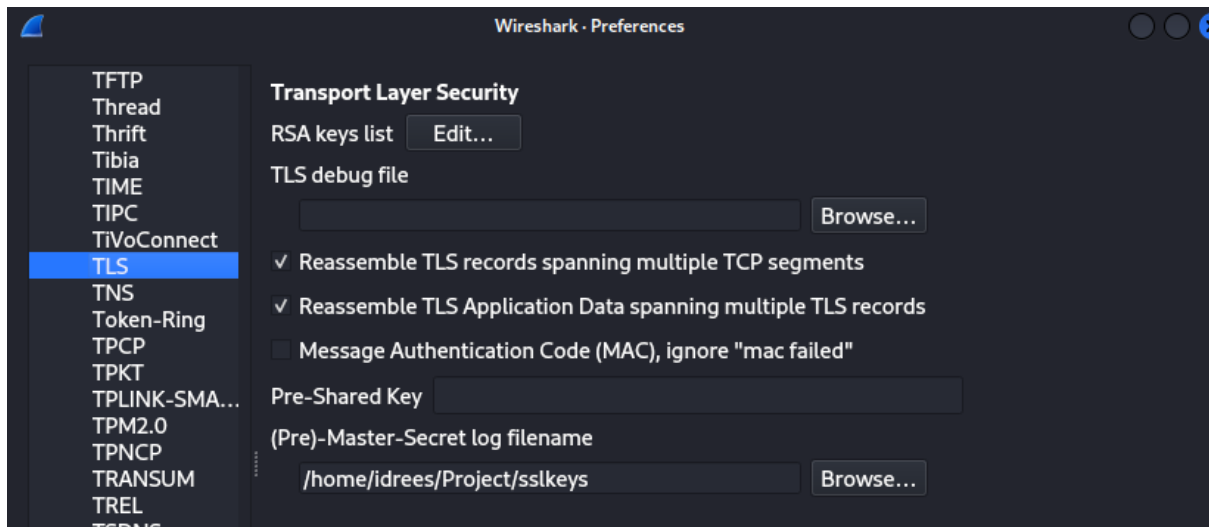


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PROJECT  
capture.pcap  
capture.pcap1  
capture.pcap2  
sslkeys  
$ watchdog.sh  
$ watchdog.sh  
1 #!/bin/bash  
2  
3 export SSLKEYLOGFILE=/home/idrees/Project/sslkeys  
4 /usr/bin/google-chrome-stable &  
5 sudo tcpdump host apod.nasa.gov -w capture.pcap -G 600 -C 1  
6
```

NOTE: This script sets an environment variable SSLKEYLOGFILE that Google Chrome will use log TLS/SSL sessions keys. We will run google chrome, so that it will write SSL/TLS keys to the specified file as it establishes secure connections and run tcpdump to capture traffic to/from the apos.nasa.gov website.

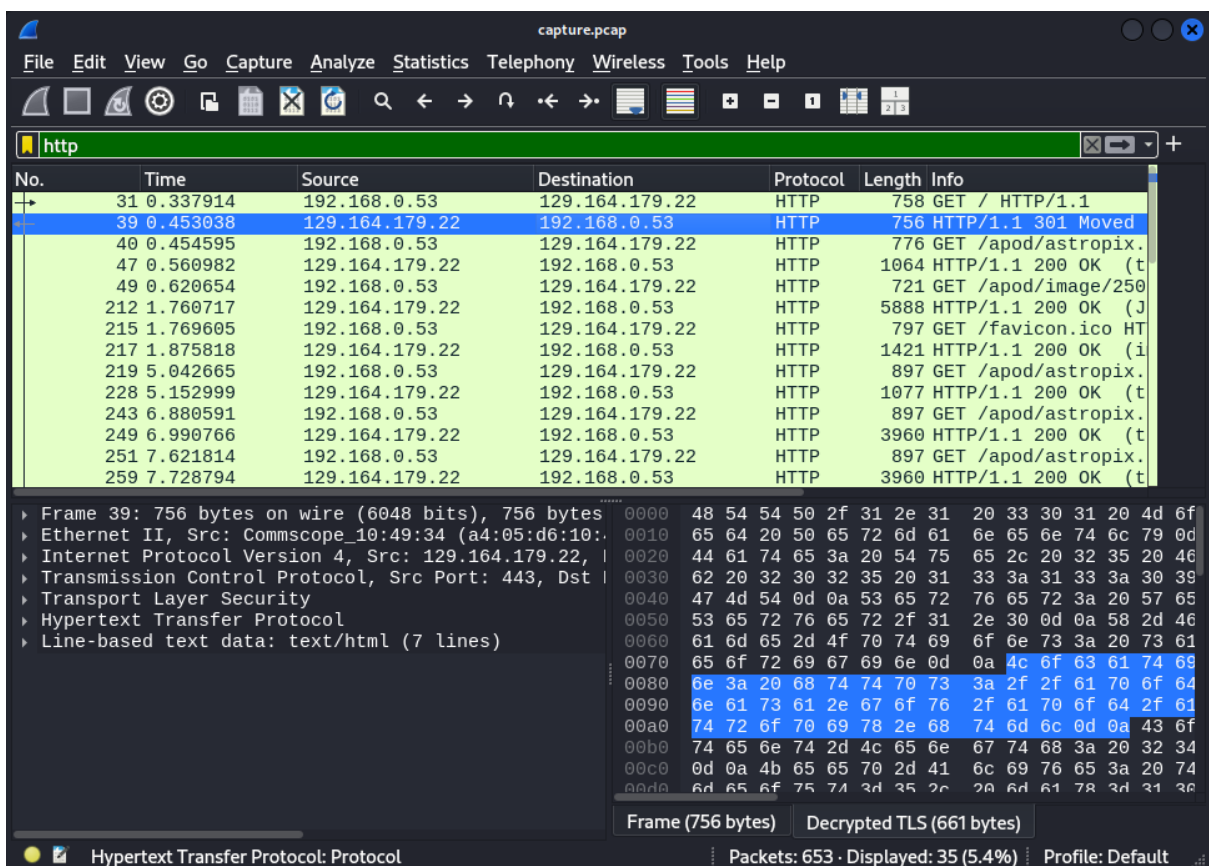
2. Use Wireshark to recreate the original unencrypted data





NOTE: Opening the capture.pcap file and entering the sslkeys file into the Master-Secret log filename, we can view decrypted data in Wireshark (highlighted green).

3. Filter all http packets



NOTE: We can now see all the decrypted data. Wireshark does this for us and we can see it on the bottom right.